

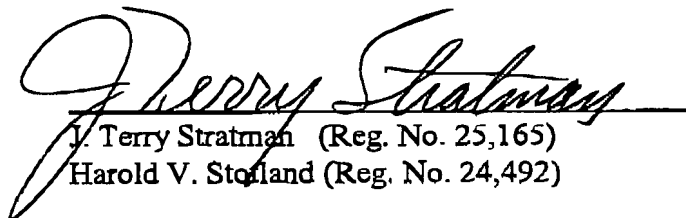
A significant distinguishing aspect of the invention is that the housing has a large top opening closed by a cap which has a smaller opening therethrough which receives therein an actuator on a valve stem, wherein the actuator has a maximum lateral extent substantially greater than that of the stem, this cap opening being closed by a flexible and resilient member. In order more clearly to bring out this aspect of the invention, independent claim 10 has been amended to recite a housing having a "top opening," an actuator having a "maximum lateral extent" which is substantially greater than that of the stem, and a cap which closes the top opening and defines a "cap opening" therein, such that:

"the cap opening having a transverse cross-sectional area substantially smaller than that of the top opening and having a lateral extent greater than the maximum lateral extent of the actuator member...."

There results a cleaning device which has a large top opening to facilitate refilling the reservoir with fluid and a smaller opening in the cap which is large enough to accommodate the actuator but without impairing the overall strength and rigidity of the cap, while the flexible and resilient member seals the cap opening to prevent leakage therethrough. It is submitted that this combination of features is not disclosed or suggested in the cited references.

Accordingly, reconsideration of the rejections and allowance of the application are respectfully asked.

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